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SUBJECT: OECD CONFERENCE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

REF: PARIS 20431

1. WE AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE SUBJECT
CONFERENCE AT THE JULY 22 COUNCIL MEETING. IN VIEW OF THE
FACT THAT THE MSAC HAS RECOMMENDED THE CONFERENCE BE HELD
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BEFORE THE END OF 1977, TIME FOR PREPARATION IS VERY SHORT
AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AGREEMENT BE REACHED ON BASIC
ISSUES SUCH AS THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION ASAP.

2. IN REQUESTING THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO
THE CONFERENCE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE
THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE US ENDORSES MINISTERIAL LEVEL REPRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM AT THE COUNCIL MINISTERIAL AND BY CHIEFS OF STATE AT THE LONDON SUMMIT PRECLUDES REPRESENTATION AT ONLY THE "EXPERT" OR "TECHNICAL" LEVEL. ONLY A MINISTERIAL LEVEL CONFERENCE WILL PROPERLY CONVEY THE CONCERN OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND INDICATE THE HIGH PRIORITY BEING

GIVEN TO FINDING MEASURES TO AMELIORATE THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

B. IF MINISTERS HAD SIMPLY WANTED AN EXPERTS MEETING ON THE SUBJECT THERE WAS NO NEED TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL CONFERENCE. THE MSAC HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT A REVIEW OF ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM AS PART OF THE REGULAR WORK PROGRAM SO TECHNICAL EXPERTS HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITHIN THE MSAC AND ITS WORKING PARTIES.

3. ONE OTHER ISSUE WHICH WILL BE RAISED IN THE COUNCIL WHEN THE YOUTH CONFERENCE IS DISCUSSED IS THE QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS WITH BIAC AND TUAC. THE US SUPPORTS CONSULTATIONS AND BELIEVES BIAC AND TUAC SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ALL SECRETARIAT PAPERS PREPARED FOR THE CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY OF LABOR WOULD ALSO BE AGREE-

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ABLE TO BEING INCLUDED IN A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF DELEGATES TO MEET WITH BOTH BIAC AND TUAC THE DAY BEFORE THE CONFERENCE BEGINS TO ALLOW THEM TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

4. FOR LONDON: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH HIGHEST APPROPRIATE HMG OFFICIAL AND EXPLAIN US POSITION ON LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION FOR CONFERENCE, DRAWING PARTICULARLY ON PARA 2 ABOVE AND REFTEL. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT US FEELS REPRESENTATION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL (SECRETARY OF LABOR RAY MARSHALL) IS APPROPRIATE FOR CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD ALSO TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MINISTERS PARTICIPATE. WE FEEL IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE FOR UK TO BE REPRESENTED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL SINCE BRITISH WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN INCLUSION OF CALL FOR CONFERENCE IN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. VANCE

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